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SECRETARY'S PAGE

R. L. PUGH, 33°

The Christmas Open House in our Temple was one of the most beautiful affairs imaginable. From 3:00 until 6:00 o'clock in the evening of December 19th several hundred people poured through and enjoyed the beautiful Christmas decorations, to say nothing of the period of cordial fellowship enjoyed as they mingled together in the beautifully decorated C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall. The Temple was decorated once again with both the religious and the festive theme of Christmas carried out on separate floors. The first floor was decorated with the religious theme, the central feature of which was a life size representation of the manger scene. The second floor carried out the festive element of Christmas with the lighted Christmas tree and Santa Claus arriving in his sled pulled by several deer. The lovely decorations added profusely to the Christmas atmosphere. We are indebted to Doris Scott for her usual skillful decorations and suggestions. She was superb as always.

This Open House was a tremendous success, as the six preceding ones have been. Many Brethren and their families took advantage of the opportunity to visit their Temple. Many of the ladies who came were enjoying their first visit to our new Temple, as we like to refer to it following completion of the program of renovations. The Banquet Hall, of course, was the scene of most of the activities, because it was here that a bountiful supply of refreshments was served from a beautifully decorated center table.

Perhaps the largest crowd to visit the Temple came around 4:00 P.M. because it was during this period that Santa Claus himself arrived and gave not only liberal attention to the children who were present in large numbers, but he also entertained the adults as well. Santa Claus, by all means, was the star attraction of the afternoon, and he contributed much towards making the occasion a tremendous success. There is no better Santa Claus than our own Neil Vester, who generously gives of his time and unique ability to this Christmas celebration.

And now we look forward to the approaching Reunion, April 12, 13 and 14, 1977. In carrying out our theme which has been observed for the last several Reunions, we have selected a theme which would point to the begining year of our third century, and have accordingly given to the next Reunion the title of "The New Horizons", signifying the entrance of our nation into the third century of its history.

The candidates of the last class - and other members as well - will be interested to know that the member of the class who was severely stricken ill before the Reunion ended, Brother Guy Gibbs, was carried immediately to the hospital for treatment. He has now returned home and is doing well.

All of us in the office sincerely hope and pray that the New Year will bring to you the peace and happiness you so much desire and deserve.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
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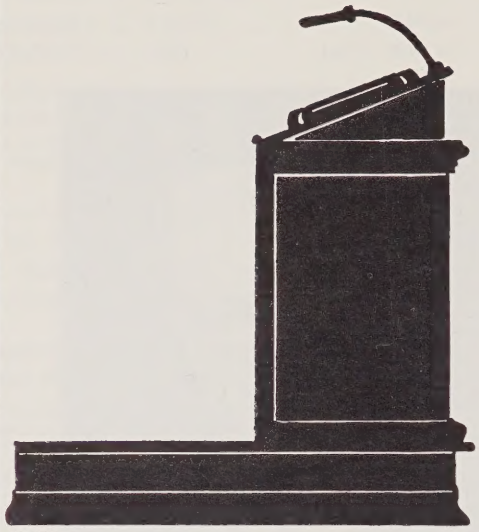

From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

"I BELIEVE"

Before I begin my article for this Christmas time, I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Scottish Rite, its beloved Secretary, the 27th degree group and many other brethren for their sympathy during the loss of my older brother. It means so much to have those sympathetic tokens given at such a stage in life as this.

I am proud of my membership in this Consistory and in Free-Masonry, one of the greatest Fraternities, if not the greatest in the world. No organization of men bound together has ever grown as large or exerted so great an influence upon the lives of men, other than the Church of Jesus Christ. The fact that it has grown and is still growing proves that it is founded on a solid foundation and that it has met the needs of the people.

I believe in the Scottish Rite because of its principles that tend to lift one up and help him become a bigger and better person for having come this way. I believe in Free-Masonry because it is helping to make this world of ours better than it was before. I believe that there is more charity and brotherly love among men than before. I believe there is a greater disposition to extend a helping hand to those who are down and to lift them up to a higher and purer atmosphere than they have lived in before. I believe this condition is true because this spirit of Fraternityship is being taught and instilled in the hearts of our people by those who love it and try to live it.

The very essence of our Fraternity is the spirit of love and truth taught by HIM who came at Christmas Time and later died upon the cross for us. He taught and lived the lessons that we aspire to teach and live. Yes, our Christmas came from HIM who came to show us the truth and the way; as our gift from God the Father to His Children.

It means a lot to be a Mason, it means more to try to live it among men and women everywhere. If you do not believe in the first Christmas, then, I ask you not to believe in His Life, the Death, the Crucifixion, Easter, the Resurrection and Immortality . . . If you do not believe — What do you have left? . . . NOTHING!

The Prophets prophesied His Coming, His Birth, Christmas, His Death, Crucifixion and Resurrection . . . YES, I BELIEVE.

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O who will walk a mile with me
Along life's merry way?
A comrade blithe and full of glee,
Who dares to laugh out loud and free.
O who will walk a mile with me
Along life's weary way?
A friend whose heart has eyes to see
The stars shine out o'er the darkling lea.
With such a comrade, such a friend,
I fain would walk till journey's end,
Through summer sunshine, winter rain,
And then? Farewell, we shall meet again!

—Henry Van Dyke

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Speaking In Quotes: It is chance that makes brothers, but hearts that make friends.

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Humility is a virtue all preach, none practice; and yet everybody is content to hear. —John Selden

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Then there was the father who wanted his son to have the opportunities that he never had, so he sent him to a girls' college. —Jack Herbert

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A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

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A handicapped golfer is a man who plays with his boss.

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Social Security is a system that guarantees you steak after your teeth are gone.

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Speaking With The Ladies: Isn't it amazing how easy it is for a man to understand a wife, when she isn't his?

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"Is your wife outspoken?"
"Not by anyone I know of."

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The average husband knows where and when he got married. What escapes him is why.

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"If you were my husband I'd give you poison."
"If I were your husband I'd take it."

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My wife is so happy that I'm not perfect. She loves to nag.

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Speaking In Jest: It was her first trip to Hawaii and the middle-aged matron had noticed that several of her fellow passengers did not pronounce the island name as she had previously assumed it should be pronounced. Anxious not to offend the natives of our fiftieth state, she asked of the first islander she saw: "Excuse me sir, but I wonder if you could tell me if it is pronounced Ha*w*aii or Ha*v*aii?"

"Ha*v*aii," the man responded.

"Thank you very much," said the grateful tourist.

"You're velcome!" said the man.

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A South American republic under a new regime decided its troops needed special uniforms. A tailor was called in and shown the design - fuchsia trousers, crimson boots, snow-white caps and gold jackets with orange epaulets.

"Is this to be the uniform for the president's palace guard?" inquired the admiring tailor.

"No," barked the officer in charge. "It's for the secret police."

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A gravedigger, thoroughly absorbed in his work, dug a pit so deep one afternoon that he couldn't climb out when he was finished. Come nightfall and evening's chill, his predicament became more uncomfortable. He shouted for help and at last attracted the attention of a drunk staggering by.

"Get me out of here," the digger pleaded. "I'm cold!"

The inebriated one peered into the open grave and finally spoted the shivering digger in the dark.

"Well, no wonder you're cold, buddy," said the drunk, kicking some of the loose dirt into the hole. "You haven't got any dirt on you."

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Loping down a Manhattan street, the boxer stopped and wagged his tail in friendly greeting at a Russian wolfhound, likewise unattached by collar or leash.

"How do you like America?" he asked.

"Well, it's different from my homeland," said the wolfhound. "In Russia I eat bones dipped in vodka and caviar. In Russia I have my own doghouse made of rare Siberian woods. In Russia I sleep on a rug made with thick warm ermine."

"Then why did you come to America?"

"I like to bark once in a while."

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"What are you reading?" asked the prison librarian.

"Nothing much," replied the prisoner. "Just the usual escape literature."

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Speaking From His Book: These things I command you, that ye love one another.
John 15:17

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

Well, I got my hog shot in November.

I suppose it was inevitable that someone would come up with this nice, delicate name for the swine flu inoculation, similarly jocose appellations are appended to about everything that comes up, it seems. There have been all sorts of "peanut" takeoffs on Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford has been burdened with a number of "automobile" puns, a lot of people attempt to emulate Will Rogers when describing Congress, and . . . you name it.

Mary Frances didn't take the hog shot. I don't think she liked the sound of it, to start with, and she has a real active aversion to shots anyhow. When she decides not to do something I don't try to push her. I invite her, and I hint around, but I know when to stop. You'd better believe I know.

My attitude about the hog shot, though, is a little different. I had the Hong Kong Flu whatever year it was that it made its sweep, and the memory of it is still mighty fresh. It was the sickest I can ever remember being. If the swine variety is anything like as vicious — its very name indicates it must be — then I'd let 'em shoot me with a ten-penny nail to keep from having it.

In Raleigh they gave the hog shot in the schools, on a Saturday, and they were highly advertised for days in advance. On the appointed morning I told Mary

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

Frances I would stop by the school and get shot on my way home from the post office. I asked her if she had changed her mind and would like to go with me. She said she hadn't and she wouldn't. Like I said, I don't push her.

When I got to the school it looked like maybe nobody had gone home from the Friday night football game. The parking lots were full. It didn't look too hopeful. But I went on inside anyway and, sure enough, the corridor leading to the shooting area was packed with humanity. I took a place at the end of the line and inside five minutes there were a hundred or so people behind me. We were standing four and five abreast, otherwise the line would have easily reached downtown.

Every now and then someone would come in and walk along the line until they found relatives or friends who would let them squeeze in front of them, so sometimes the line moved backward instead of forward. I reckon those folks figured if they were going to get hog shots they might as well act like hogs.

Presently some scouts went out, people who had someone to hold their places for them. What the scouts wanted to find out was what was going on and where. So did we all. The scouts disappeared

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into the far reaches of the corridor and we anxiously awaited their return. They were gone a right long time.

One scout returned with the encouraging news that the line in our corridor was only a small part of it. He said the line turned east at the first corner and extended the length of another corridor, where it then turned south and stretched for another great length until its termination in the shooting area. During his absence the line had alternately backed up and inched forward until its net progress was perhaps five or six feet. Another couple of hundred of falsely-optimistic people had meanwhile added themselves to its length.

Right many people began to leave. Some were afraid they'd miss lunch, some were afraid they'd miss the football game at Carter Stadium, some were afraid they'd miss supper, and I reckon some of them were afraid they'd grow old. Their places were rapidly filled by the line-crashers, so the departures did not have any noticeable effect.

Another scout returned. He had actually penetrated the inoculation area by pretending to be some kind of official. He was a real scientific sort of person. He had timed the shooting of twenty people, then counted the line as he returned, and he calculated our section of the line was two and a quarter hours from getting shot.

I went home.

During lunch, though, I got to remembering my Hong Kong experience again, so I went back around to the school. A whole lot of people must have given up, or they must have started shooting folks in coveys, because the line had dwindled to a mere fifty or so. I happily joined it.

It was my first experience with a gun, all my previous inoculations had been by needle. I like the gun lots better than needles. They had two of them going and it was Swab, Choing! Swab, Choing! Swab, Choing! for as long as I was there.

A lady right ahead of me squealed and hopped about two feet sidewise when they shot her. She said it didn't hurt, it just scared her.

Several couples had children with them and the kids were getting some real satisfaction out of seeing their parents get shot for a change. One kid told his daddy not to cry - somewhat facetiously, I thought.

My only apprehension was occasioned by the nurses garbs, they were wearing regular street clothes. I always associate nurses with those clean, starchy, white uniforms and in my mind nurses lose some of their efficiency when they wear anything else.

So I've had my hog shot. I surely hope it took.

NEW YEAR

The New Year is here. Yet, with retrospect
I hold on to the past.
To let it go is oh, so hard
I wish the old could last.
The old was very good to me.
She gave me oh, so much,
Days and days of sunshine,
A loved one's gentle touch.

The new is here. It came too soon.
There are things I did not do,
Last year's resolutions —
It seems they all fell through
But then I know I cannot change
Nor keep the new away.
I also know I must accept
The new on New Year's Day.

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

THE END OF THE YEAR

The trouble with the most of us is that we need a crisis of some sort to awaken us to the great importance of little things! We forget that even great things are, in the last resort, but the accumulation and amalgation of a host of small things. This truth applies both to the material and to the spiritual aspects of life. If we carry this thought over to the area of the military, we are rather apt to forget that the millions in the armed forces are simply aggregates of individuals, and however insignificant and useless a single recruit may appear to be, he is in reality the basis of the power of the millions. There is ever a need for the generals; but, generals do not win the battles! They may design the plan of battle. It takes every other man, from the lowest private through the ranks, to fulfill the plans and complete the job.

This is perhaps a rather fanciful way of putting it, but surely it illustrates a profound truth which men are beginning slowly to understand, namely, that God in His infinite wisdom and power has created all things out of His creative force, and that the great things with which we are familiar are, after all, but the amalgamation of countless numbers of small particles and things, each of which has its place and is essential to the completeness of the whole.

If we really think about it we discover that even our spiritual life is built up of small installments. It did not come to us as a sort of complete inheritance. For the most of us it is built up of small opportunities of service to God and mankind, very often so small that it does not seem to matter; but, what we have to realize is this: that every such opportunity given us and refused by us is a direct hinderance to our spiritual growth,

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

and that not only because the opportunity is thrown away, but also because having once refused to obey the call to a higher service, it becomes easier time after time, until very soon this kind of living becomes a habit. However, the more readily we accept the claims of God upon our lives the easier it becomes to accept further claims, until we may think in time of any kind of choice in terms of God control. It is this way, I believe, that our spiritual growth is stimulated, and our spiritual life nourished and sustained. Scottish Masonry has taught us this fact continually. Let us never forget these lessons nor neglect them!

I read recently some words which I would share with you as we begin a new year: "Look back and give thanks. Look forward and take courage." The end of the year has come, and as we look back there may be disappointments and discouragements, sorrows and grief, and yet it has not been all darkness, for there have been bright patches. Let us not neglect to realize the supreme importance of these, let us lose none of them, but rather carry them with us into a new year, to renew our hope, our courage, our loyalty to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, our nation, and each other, believing that it may be through us that "God is working His purpose out as year succeeds year, God is working His purpose out and the time is drawing near. Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as waters cover the sea."

HAPPY NEW YEAR, MY BROTHER! May the Supreme Architect bless and keep you both now and forever more.

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How's This For A Good Hobby?

One of our very active 32° Masons, Brother Bob Wechter of Stumpy Point, who for some years has been very active in Scottish Rite activities in Dare County and who now serves as the capable Secretary of the Dare Scottish Rite Club, has a very fascinating hobby. We doubt very much if this hobby is duplicated by any other member of the Scottish Rite, but we are sure our members will enjoy this recital of his interest in this type of activity. Incidentally, Bob's wife is the noted Nell Wise Wechter, who along with Bob is a retired school teacher and has written several fascinating books on the Outer Banks. Together, they make a great team. This article on Bob's hobby appeared in the Dare County newspaper recently, and we reprint it for your reading pleasure:

"Robert Wechter of Stumpy Point, an avid Pigeon fancier, was awarded two trophies and took four first-place and two second-place awards at a major pigeon show in Elizabeth City Nov. 20-21.

Wechter received trophies for the best young blue-check hen and for the best young silver hen.

He took second place in the fancy birds competition for an old white fantail cock.

In the homing-racing class Wechter was awarded four first place ribbons and two second places.

Pigeon fanciers from as far away as California entered more than 1,000 birds in the show, sponsored by the Old Dominion Roller Club, the Tidewater Fancy Pigeon Club, the Elizabeth City Homing Pigeon Club and the National Modena Club.

Birds were judged for appearance, condition, color and plumage. Noted pigeon fancier and judge Adam Mahan was among those selecting the winners.

Wechter has been involved with pigeons for about 15 years and keeps 50 birds at his home. He has competed at shows in South Carolina, Wilmington, Gastonia, Richmond, Va., Roanoke, Va., Danville, Va., and elsewhere. He brought 14 birds to the Elizabeth City show and returned with seven awards. As he put it, 'not a bad showing'."

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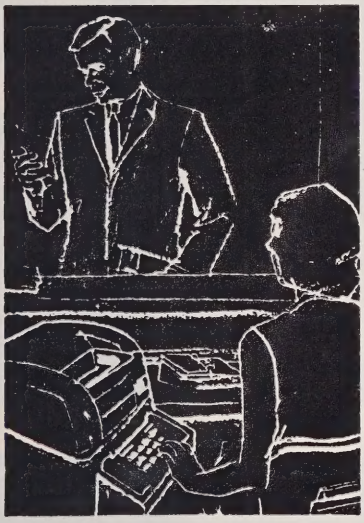

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1. The three chief decorators of the Temple: Doris Scott, Chairman, assisted by "Bud" Marion and Thelma Opphile.
2. Santa Claus greeting two of his chief admirers.
3. Old Santa is always the center of attraction and he listens patiently.
4. Old Santa really has a keen eye for this one.
5. The Director of the Dining Room activities, Brother Charles T. Potter, 33°, surveying the situation with pleasure.
6. Charles Potter also lends a helping hand to a tiny tot to make an appeal to Santa.

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7. Who is eyeing whom in this picture?
8. Old Santa makes a joyful entrance as he greets the crowd. W. C. Chadwick on the left, Charles Potter and Lois Pugh on the right. Lee Dorsey in the background.
9. The center table after much of its delightful food had been consumed. In the begining the table was completely covered with Christmas goodies.
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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club", held its regular meeting Tuesday night, Nov. 23, 1976. At the Masonic Temple, where the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year. President: Walter Ange, 32°; Vice-President: Clyde Pearson, 32°; and Furman Kelly, 32, Secretary and Treasurer; it is hoped that with these new Officers, new enthusiasm will encourage our Brethren to make this one of our finest years.

When the children of Israel left Egypt they embarked upon a strange and perilous journey. Stretching far into the distance was a future existing only in prophecy and promise. It is true, certain of their fathers had journeyed at some time through at least part of the same land they were to traverse, but the travelling had been done at such a remote time that their descendants knew little about it.

They were to endure the trials of hunger and thirst, as well as petty wars with desert tribes. But eventually they were to settle down for a period of forty years to a simple wilderness life. Moses would pass away and Joshua and Caleb would become the leaders. New faces would take the places of the old; yet the journey would be completed and the promised land would be entered. Here came their greatest test. To leave the comparatively simple life of the Sinaitic country and begin new life in a strange land, preceded by a conquest, was not easy. When Joshua said, "Ye have not passed this way heretofore", he was speaking truly. It was to be an entirely new experience in the life of Israel, and one which would indeed try their courage and their devotion to God.

That statement of Joshua is a good one for us to ponder. Stretching ahead of us is a New Year. No matter how many years we have behind us, this one is a way over which we have not heretofore gone. New experience, new situations, new problems will face us, and a great deal depends upon the manner in which we meet them.

First we shall meet ourselves. Maybe you think it strange that we should say such a thing, but it is a fact that we do not fully know ourselves. It is an easier thing for any of us to understand other people than it is for us to understand ourselves. There is an abnormal type of introspection which brings harm to the person. That is the type which sits by, brooding upon things real and imaginary, and making one's life entirely miserable. But there is a healthy type of introspection which causes a person to sit down and honestly to examine one's life in the light of the highest and best, and then to resolve to strive earnestly to measure up to that ideal.

The New Year is a new way to us. One of the things which is necessary in any travel is a competent guide or leadership. In all realms of life we seek and need this. Moses, Joshua and Caleb were competent leaders in the hands of God. We should be sure of the leadership we follow, and we should test it by the standards of God. An ungoverned life falls into peril. A life disciplined and led by God travels a new way in safety and peace. With firm reliance upon God and complete dedication to Him we shall be able to travel the way of this New Year in safety.

What better route to take to reach this highway of safety, than the way of Scottish Rite Masonry.

Wilmer C. Chesson,
Secretary Pro Tem

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their annual Christmas Party, Sunday, December 5 at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th Street.

This was a covered-dish supper with a large variety of home prepared food. There were 53 members present. George Gillespie and Ray Alexander with their wives served as hosts. Jack and Ann Pishnock were guests of George Gillespie. Peck

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Lassiter presided and Henry Jones gave the invocation.

All business was dispensed with.

Following the meal a delightful social hour was enjoyed while the tables were being cleared in preparation for a fun program.

Christmas carols were sung and the program included several audience participating games.

Each member donated gifts which were given to the N. C. Mental Health Association.

Members exchanged pretty wrapped gifts of ridiculous articles. Hazel Davis received a mouse trap, Ashley Leggett received a toothbrush for false teeth, Meyer Libman received two fresh eggs and Bob Mohler received a can of Sardines. Everyone received similar gifts. The fun program was planned by Henry and Lucille Jones, Bob and Florence Mohler, and Ashley and Grace Leggett. The exchange of ridiculous gifts was a lot of fun and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Due to the first Sunday of January falling on the New Year weekend, it was decided to postpone our next regular meeting until January 9th. This will be a charcoal steak cook-out and will be held at the Washington Masonic Lodge on West 5th Street.

Bill Roebuck and Charles Baldwin with their wives will host the next meeting.

Ashley Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Chowan Scottish Rite Club

The Chowan Scottish Rite Club held an election meeting at the Scottish Rite Club building Friday night, October 29, 1976. In a brief business session the members elected the following officers:

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Invocation was given by Brother Yates. The steaks were cooked by Willie Spruill and Clarence White. The ladies furnished the side dishes. Everyone joined in the eating.

The last item of business was the planning of our Christmas party. This is the most looked forward to meeting that our club holds. The event is set for December 10 at the Masonic Lodge.

Sincerely,
James E. Yates
Secretary-Treasurer

Dare Scottish Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club held a regular business meeting on December 8, 1976 at the Masonic Hall in Manteo, N. C.

The Secretary read the minutes of the September meeting and rendered a financial report.

We held our Ladies Night meeting on October 7th with 49 members and guests present. This meeting was held at the Elizabethan Restaurant, Manteo, N. C. Reverend Willis Wilson was the speaker for the evening.

Reuben Payne, 32°, K.C.C.H., as President of our club, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The guests and members enjoyed an excellent meal and good fellowship.

Our next meeting will be held sometime in January, 1977.

Robert W. Wechter,
Secretary

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was called to order by Bro. Bert Conner, President. The invocation was given by Bro. Harry Willis, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Wives of Candidates who enjoyed our Ladies' Tour Fall Reunion 1976

The recent "Dedication Reunion" produced two new members for our Club. They are Jimmy Willis, 32° and Billy Golden, 32°. Bro. Conner expressed his gratitude and thanks to all the members for the hard work they put forth in getting so many members for our recent reunion and also for supporting him so well during this past year.

The election of officers was held for the ensuing year and the following were elected:

President: Bro. Tom Carraway, 32°
Vice-President: Bro. Ottis R. Jefferson, Jr., 32°
Secretary-Treasurer: Bro. Harry Willis, 32°, K.C.C.H.

The new officers expressed their thanks and hopes for an even bigger year in 1977 for Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

After a few remarks by some of the Brethren the Benediction was given by Bro. Robert W. Safrit, Jr., 33°.

Next meeting January 3, 1977. Y'all come!

Fraternally,
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Martin County Scottish Rite Club

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club held its annual Club Ladies' Night December 1st at the regular December meeting. About thirty brothers and their ladies attended.

At this meeting our 1977 officers were installed by Brother Jimmy Brewer who was also the principal speaker of the evening.

The 1977 officers are as follows:

President: Robert E. Andrews of Oak City

Vice-President: Hillery Hardison of Williamston

Secretary-Treasurer: William E. Williams of Robersonville

Brother Brewer's talk was on *the unusual aspects of Masonry*, and was enjoyed by everyone.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Glenn Henline, Past Secretary

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met at the Fisherman's Wharf on November 29th, where the Club President, Brother Leonard Dooley, welcomed 55 members and guests. Brother Royden Caulk, Jr. gave the invocation, after which a delicious seafood dinner was served.

Following the meal, President Dooley called for a short business session. He introduced the new Scottish Rite members who had received their degrees at the Fall Reunion, and they were given a hearty welcome. The Secretary-Treasurer gave a financial report for the year. The members voted to contribute the remaining funds on hand to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. Brother Jesse Vail, Chairman of the nominating committee, brought the following nominations for club officers for the coming year: James P. Brulet, President; J. Elmer King, Vice-President; and Morris E. Jones, Secretary-Treasurer. On vote of the members present, the above named brethren were duly elected to serve for the year 1977. President Dooley expressed his appreciation for the support given him throughout the year. The president elect, Brother James Brulet, announced that the next meeting of the club would be held at the Fisherman's Wharf on January 31, 1977.

After the business session was finished, Brother Royden Caulk, Jr. pronounced the benediction.

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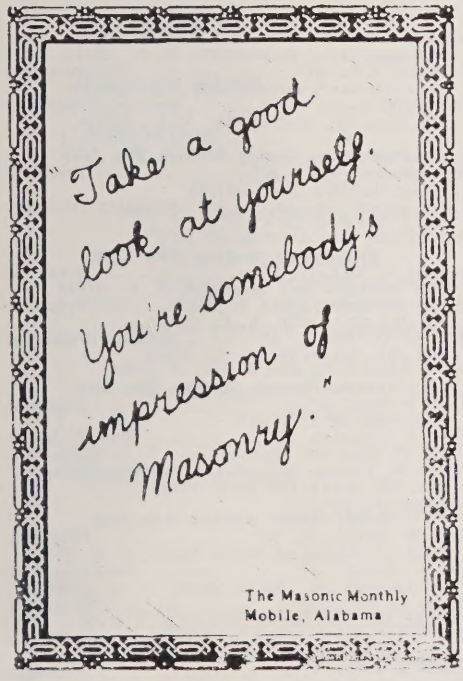

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Onslow	26	21	13	21	26	16
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Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club	1st Monday in January, 1st Monday in March 1st Monday in May, 1st Monday in September		
Grifton Scottish Rite Club	2nd Wednesday each month	7:00 P.M.	VFW Hut, Hwy. 11, South
Martin County Scottish Rite Club	1st Wednesday each month	7:30 P.M.	To be announced
Morehead City Scottish Rite Club	4th Tuesday each month	8:30 P.M.	Masonic Hall,, 204 S. 18th St,, Morehead City
New Bern Scottish Rite Club	2nd Monday each month	7:30 P.M.	New Bern Scottish Rite Temple

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In Memoriam

Our memories are precious gifts.
To treasure through the years,
To comfort us when days are dark,
And eyes are dimmed with tears,
Without them we'd be desolate.
When loved ones slip away.
Possessing them our hearts re-live,
And so — when separation comes,
To bring us bitter loss,
Our memories are precious gifts,
To help bear the cross.

	Date of Death
Alvin Millard Hasty, 32°, Rocky Mount, N. C.	November 25, 1976
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Alden Levi Harris, 32°, New Bern, N. C.	August 20, 1976
Harry S. Copeland, 32°, Ahoskie, N. C.	November 3, 1976
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Dewey William Edwards, 32°, Fayetteville, N. C.	November 3, 1976
William Allen Fickes, Sr., 32°, Middletown, Maryland	September 17, 1976
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A DEPOSIT OF $60.00 TO APPLY ON FEES MUST ACCOMPANY PETITION

	Fees	Dues
Lodge of Perfection	$ 60.00	$ 6.00
Chapter of Rose Croix	30.00	3.00
Council of Knights of Kadosh	30.00	3.00
Consistory	30.00	3.00
Total	$150.00	$15.00

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Valley of New Bern — Orient of North Carolina

Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, New Bern, N. C. ..... 19.....
(Date)

BRETHREN:

I, the undersigned, am a Master Mason in good standing in .....

Lodge No. ....., located at ..... under the jurisdiction of the Grand
(City and State)
Lodge of ....., and I have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for a period of six months. I have never* previously applied for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees, and I now respectfully petition to receive the Degrees from the ..... ° to the ..... °, inclusive, promising always to bear true faith and allegiance to the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

If applicable, complete this section. I belong to:

..... Lodge of Perfection at .....
(Name) (City and State)

..... Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix at .....
(Name) (City and State)

..... Council of Knights of Kadosh at .....
(Name) (City and State)

Print Name in Full—Do Not Use Initials

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Residence .....
City County State

Date of Birth .....
Month Day Year

Place of Birth .....
City County State

Occupation ..... **Hat Size** .....

(PLEASE BE SPECIFIC—State type of work—clerk, salesman, etc.; Line of business—druggist, banker, etc.; whether owner or employee; if military, give branch and rank. *If retired,* give information, as requested, for former occupation.)

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Do you approve wholeheartedly of these principles? .....
Yes or No

No. 2. Have you ever held or expressed opinions contrary to the foregoing or been affiliated with any organization which has? ..... If you answer "yes" to this question give particulars.
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.....

Mailing Address ..... Zip Code .....

RECOMMENDED BY

Amount of fee accompanying petition, $ .....
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Sign .....
(Signature—Full name, no initials)

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(This credit will go toward cap or medal)

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